

PLAYER NOTICES

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

By organising, entering, playing tennis in and/or participating in any way in an LTA Official Competition (including as officials, staff, coaches, representatives, agents, medical staff, relatives and associates of a Player, a Player's entourage and spectators), a person and/or entity agrees to be bound by and to comply with these Regulations.

We would like to highlight the following key sections of the LTA Competition Regulations:

- Overlapping Competition Regulations 3.10-3.13
- Withdrawing from an LTA Official Competition Section 4
- Code of Conduct and Code Violation Points Appendix 6

The regulations are available online at www.LTA.org.uk/CompetitionRegulations

CLOTHING REGULATIONS

Players please note that the LTA Competition Regulations state that manufacturer's logos on the front or back of shirts must be no larger than 4 square inches (this could be 1 identification of 4 square inches OR 2 identifications of 2 square inches). Manufacturer logos on hats must be no larger than 2 square inches.

TOILET BREAKS

Please remember that players are not to leave the court without permission from the Referee and they should only take a toilet break at the end of a set.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The use of electronic devices (including smart watches) is not permitted on-court at any time.

Smart watches have the capability to receive communication during a match, thus violating the no coaching rule "**Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a person off court (for example, a coach, relative or representative) may be treated as coaching**".

Electronic devices must be switched off and out of sight throughout the duration of a match.

Players found using an electronic device or wearing a smart watch may be liable to penalty under the unsportsmanlike conduct provisions of the Code of Conduct.

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MATCHES PLAYED WITHOUT A CHAIR UMPIRE

At this tournament, matches will be played without a Chair Umpire. All players should be aware of the following basic principles when playing a match in these circumstances:

- Each Player (or doubles team) is responsible for all calls on his own side of the net.
- All "out" and "fault" calls should be made promptly after the ball has bounced and loudly enough for the opponent(s) to hear.
- If in doubt, the Player must give the benefit of the doubt to the opponent(s).
- If a Player incorrectly calls a ball "out" and then realises that the ball was good, the point should be replayed unless it was a point winning shot or unless that Player made an incorrect "out" call earlier in the match. In these circumstances, the Player who called "out" loses the point.
- The server should call the score before each first serve, loudly enough for the opponent(s) to hear
- If a Player is unhappy with the opponent(s) actions or decisions, he should call the Referee (or assistant)

For matches played on clay courts, there are some additional procedures that all Players should follow:

- A ball mark can be checked on a point ending shot, or when play is stopped (a reflex return is allowed).
- If a Player is unsure of the opponent's call, he can ask his opponent to show the mark. The Player can then cross the net to look at the mark.
- If a Player erases the mark, he is conceding the point.
- If there is a disagreement over a ball mark, the Referee (or assistant) can be called to make a final decision.
- If a Player incorrectly calls the ball "out" and then realises that the ball was good, the Player who called "out" loses the point.

Players who do not fairly follow these procedures could be subject to the Hindrance Rule as defined in the Rules of Tennis and the Unsportsmanlike Conduct provision of the LTA Code of Conduct.

Any questions on these procedures should be referred to the Referee.